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Police Involved Shooting

*****UPDATE*****

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The investigation into the police involved shooting that occurred on April 6, 2017, has been completed by the Firearms/Police-Involved Death Review Board. The actions of Officer Nathan Komisarek (Comma-Sair-Ick) #2339 are found to be within the Columbus Division of Police Use of Firearms Policy.

Suspect Killed After Pulling Gun on Officer

Columbus Police are investigating a shooting on the north side of Columbus after a suspect pulled a gun on an officer.

On Thursday, April 6, 2017, at 1:03pm, Westerville medics requested officers from the Columbus Division of Police to go with them on a patient transport from the 600 block of Garden Terrance Road to Mount Carmel St. Ann's hospital at 500 South Cleveland Avenue. The patient was experiencing psychological issues.

Officers arrived at the home on Garden Terrace Road as the man was about to be transported. Medics asked officers to follow them to Mount Carmel St. Ann's.

The man stepped out of the ambulance and walked to the entrance of Mount Carmel St. Ann's EMS entrance to the emergency room carrying a bag. Witnesses say the man looked back, saw an officer, then reached down into the bag and pulled out a gun.

Witnesses say the officer repeatedly asked the man to get on the ground. He did not comply. The officer fired at the man, striking him, after he refused to drop the gun.

The man was rushed into the emergency room where he was pronounced deceased at 1:54pm. His name isn't being released pending next of kin notification. No other injuries were reported.



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Further investigation revealed that the suspect's gun was a bb gun.

This is the seventh police involved shooting in 2017.

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